

world root out the people who profit off of this special evil.

Many of these people are involved in organized crime. There are even reports that suggest profits from trafficking in persons are used to support terrorist activities.

Make no mistake about it, any government that tolerates trafficking, tolerates a form of slavery.

#### THE COST OF REBUILDING IRAQ

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, last fall the President's economic adviser, Larry Lindsey, said the war in Iraq could cause \$100 billion to \$200 billion. Well, Wolfowitz, Rumsfeld, said, "That is absurd. Those are crazy numbers." In fact, Wolfowitz said, "Don't worry, they can pay for their own reconstruction."

Now, the President is asking Congress to borrow \$87 billion in the name of the American people, \$20 billion of that to rebuild the infrastructure of Iraq.

Now, it is nice that we want to build a \$150 million children's hospital in Iraq, but American kids lack basic health care. Where is the money for that?

It is nice that they want to rebuild the Port of Umm Qasr, \$80 million. The President has zeroed out dredging ports in my district.

Billions for the electric grid; not a penny for the faltering electric grid in the United States of America.

\$20 billion invested here would create 1 million U.S. jobs. \$20 billion in Iraq is a drop in the bucket of what it is really going to cost, but it will produce some nice profits for Halliburton.

#### TRIBUTE TO SGT. JASON "TYE" PRATT

(Mr. TERRY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TERRY. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor today with great sadness. Two weeks ago in Omaha, a brave, dedicated police officer, Sgt. Jason Pratt, was gunned down by a violent criminal following a routine traffic stop. He died of severe head injuries last Friday. I attended his funeral 2 days ago.

I want to extend my sincere condolences not only to the family and friends of this heroic man, but to the entire community for the loss of such a brave officer. But while I rise today to mourn the death of Officer Jason "Tye" Pratt, I also want to celebrate his life, a life built upon optimism, bravery, compassion and dedication.

Those who were lucky enough to know him will tell you what an honorable husband, father, son, brother, friend, coworker and citizen he was. A 1992 honors student graduate of Burke

High School, dubbed as having the "prettiest smile," he married his wife, Stacy, in 1995 and began his work serving the Omaha community as a rookie police officer in 1996. Upon completing training in 1997, he joined the SWAT unit, the emergency response unit.

Jason and Stacy were the parents of two young daughters, Madison and Jordyn. Officer Pratt bragged about his wife and her work at the Immanuel Medical Center and his daughters constantly at work.

He was known for his tremendous discipline, work ethic and commitment. He balanced an irresistible sense of humor with full-throttled intensity in whatever role he undertook. This is a man who truly loved what he did, and never hesitated to help somebody in need.

Police officers are everyday heroes. They put their lives on the line day in and day out to ensure our safety and protect our community.

For a week, Officer Jason "Tye" Pratt hung on to his life in the hospital, receiving an outpouring of prayers. He is a true hero. Officer Pratt was a hero to his wife, daughters, family and fellow officers, and he will remain a hero to all of us.

#### THE AMERICAN DEBT

(Mr. POMEROY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. POMEROY. Mr. Speaker, it has been 868 days since President Bush and the Republican Party embarked upon their economic plan for our country. During this time, the national debt has increased by \$1,163,468,782,425.75.

According to the Web site for the Bureau of Public Debt at the U.S. Department of Treasury, yesterday as of 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, the Nation's outstanding debt was \$6,803,794,168,784.52.

The interest we will have to pay on this debt, the debt tax, for fiscal year 2003 through the end of August, amounts to \$304,978,878,641.11.

#### HONORING GOVERNOR HUGH GREGG

(Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dedicated public servant who has devoted his life to the State he so loved dearly, former Governor Hugh Gregg.

Governor Gregg passed away yesterday at the age of 85. Governor Gregg wore many hats in his lifetime, war hero, businessman, lawyer, public servant, but he will most be remembered as a devoted husband to his wife, Catherine, a father to his two sons, Cyrus Gregg and U.S. Senator JUDD GREGG, and a grandfather and great-grandfather.

He served as a special agent in the U.S. Army Counterintelligence Corps from 1942 to 1946 in China. He also served as an alderman in his hometown of Nashua, and later became mayor of that city.

Governor Gregg was proud to be a politician and realized that politics was the vehicle to better the lives of New Hampshire's citizens. He perhaps will most be remembered for his passion for the New Hampshire first-in-the-Nation presidential primary. Governor Gregg authored two books on the New Hampshire primary, and his history of the primary is part of the official State record published by the Secretary of State's office.

Not one to sit by idly, Governor Gregg was still a dominant presence in the State, even at the age of 85, most recently serving on the State Ballot Law Commission.

Governor Gregg's legacy will continue to live on in the causes he held so dear to his heart, helping those with disabilities and preserving New Hampshire's unique role in the political process. The State mourns the loss of a great statesman, civic leader and friend, and his efforts to make New Hampshire a better place in which to live has made a lasting impact on all who call New Hampshire home.

Governor Gregg represented the New Hampshire ideals we all cherish: Integrity, strength and honesty. He has raised the bar high for those who want to be public servants. His civility, frankness and fairness will be sorely missed.

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#### A LOOK AT U.S. DAILY DEATHS IN IRAQ

(Mr. McDERMOTT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. McDERMOTT. Mr. Speaker, in the next few days, we will hear people say that if you do not support that \$87 billion, you are against the troops and you do not care what is happening to our people in Iraq.

The fact is that since this war started, 304 people have died. Mr. Speaker, 167 have died since the President announced that the mission was accomplished. And now they want us to give them a blank check with \$87 billion. They will not change one single thing. They will not acknowledge anything with the international community; they will not change anything.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant Lunsford Brown died on September 20. Captain Brian Faunce died on September 18. Sergeant David Freidrich died on September 20. Sergeant Paul Sturino died on September 22. They continue to die, and the President will not tell us how he is going to get us out of this morass, except give me more money or you are unpatriotic.

Members in this House who want to ask questions are not unpatriotic. The

people who make those kinds of charges ought to stand down here and tell people what they did when their chance came.

Some of us served. I was not in Vietnam, but I was in the hospitals dealing with people who came back. Everybody in this body ought to go out to Walter Reed and walk around Unit 56 and look at those amputees and talk to them.

#### SUCCESS STORIES FROM IRAQ

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, as part of the Committee on Government Reform that took a recent official visit to Iraq, I witnessed what I thought was the true shock and awe story. I saw the progress of a fledgling free nation, and I came away knowing we have every reason to be optimistic in that country.

My disappointment, Mr. Speaker, is that when watching the evening news on my return home, I could scarcely recognize the situation I had just left. In Iraq, General James Conway of the First Marine Expeditionary Force described our efforts there as a vivid success story, both during the major combat phase and since its conclusion. Perhaps most important, he said that most Iraqis were concerned not that we would stay too long, but that they would leave too soon.

As a doctor, I particularly wanted to assess the Iraqi health care system. I knew the difficulties that this system had suffered under Saddam's rule, but I also knew that we were starting to see the decrepit hospitals begin to improve. Most of these hospitals had no nursing staff left at all.

A member of the public health team of the 385th Civil Affairs Brigade, Lieutenant Michael Keller, told me that in the library at the medical school no text had a copyright date later than 1984. Mr. Speaker, on average, Saddam's government spent 50 cents per person on health care. Since the fall of that regime, that amount has increased to \$45.

#### SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE MANDATORY SECURITY TRAINING FOR FLIGHT ATTENDANTS

(Mrs. LOWEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my support for comprehensive mandatory security training of the Nation's flight attendants. A bipartisan measure included in the FAA reauthorization bills passed by the House and Senate would have required the TSA to establish clear, consistent security training standards for all flight attendants, regardless of airline affiliation.

The agreement would have ensured flight attendants received self-defense

instruction as well as training to coordinate effectively with Federal air marshals, closing a glaring gap in the Nation's aviation security program.

Unfortunately, this critical provision was stripped, apparently at the behest of a single carrier, from the final conference report. Under the new language, TSA could, but would not be required to, issue guidelines for flight attendant security training programs. In the absence of a statutory requirement, TSA is unlikely to establish the rigorous training program demanded by flight attendants.

Forcing flight attendants with no prior self-defense training to confront well-armed, suicide terrorists is unfair and unwise. Flight attendants are uniquely capable of disrupting a potentially devastating terrorist attack. The attempted hijacking of a Qantas flight in May is a good example. The incident, which left two flight attendants and two passengers with stab wounds, dramatically illustrates the consequences of inadequate security training.

The Department of Homeland Security's recent warning of another suicide hijacking reminds us of the perils of complacency. I was pleased that the Committee on Rules reported out a resolution recommitting the reauthorization bill to conference. As this legislation is rewritten, I urge my colleagues to support restoration of the original flight attendant training language.

#### EXPRESSING DISMAY WITH REMARKS OF PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE HOWARD DEAN

(Mr. BURNS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my dismay with the recent remarks made by Presidential candidate Howard Dean. His remarks related to the U.S. role in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Dr. Dean said that it is "not our place to take sides," in this conflict. He could not be more wrong. We must as Americans support the only democracy in the region that deals with the ongoing battle of terror. I was in Israel just last month, and I saw firsthand the death and destruction of Hamas and the suicide bombers. They continue to inflict this tragedy on the country of Israel.

Edmond Burke said that "all that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Dr. Dean would have us do nothing and allow evil to triumph over our friends and our allies.

His comments are out of touch and uninformed. I call on all of my colleagues in this body from both sides of the aisle to denounce his thoughtless words. Truly good men recognize that what he has said is simply wrong and that he should be reminded that it is always the place of the United States to take the side against terror.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on H.J. Res. 69, and that I may include tabular and extraneous material.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LATOURETTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

#### CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS, FISCAL YEAR 2004

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, under the previous order of the House, I call up the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 69) making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the joint resolution.

The text of House Joint Resolution 69 is as follows:

H.J. RES. 69

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and out of applicable corporate or other revenues, receipts, and funds, for the several departments, agencies, corporations, and other organizational units of Government for fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes, namely:

SEC. 101. Such amounts as may be necessary under the authority and conditions provided in the applicable appropriations Act for fiscal year 2003 for continuing projects or activities including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees (not otherwise specifically provided for in this joint resolution) which were conducted in fiscal year 2003, at a rate for operations not exceeding the current rate, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority was made available in the following appropriations Acts:

(1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003.

(2) The Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003, notwithstanding section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956, section 313 of the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, Fiscal Years 1994 and 1995 (Public Law 103-236), and section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414(a)(1)).

(3) The District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2003.

(4) The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2003, notwithstanding section 504(a)(1) of the National Security Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 414(a)(1)).

(5) The Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2003, notwithstanding section 10 of Public Law 91-672 and section 15 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956.

(6) The Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003.

(7) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003.

(8) The Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2003.

(9) The Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2003.